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Dear Keffer:

I've just gotten back from Nice to find Memorandum SSB -- 133 referring to the Board Meeting scheduled for Washington March 10 through 12. Frankly I don't think I will be able to attend this meeting since my present schedule for the next couple of months is pretty full and I could not easily work in another trip East. In any case, there does not seem to be much business so urgent as to warrant neglecting other needs for it.

Westex was not particularly anxious to meet again unless there were some particular point to it. However, I wonder how you would react to the following suggestion, assuming that there might be some business to warrant it. Would you care to call a meeting of Committee 11 to meet out here, or in San Francisco or Berkeley? I would also circularize the members of Westex to see if any of them would care to attend as a sort of joint session. If we do this I also strongly recommend that you ask Luria to come in as a sort of representative of Committee 6. I'm not trying to urge a meeting on you but if it happens that you do see some point to one you might want to consider having this kind of joint session out on the West Coast. I think I could squeeze in any single day in February except February 10 through 14.

Apropos the NASA work request, I think they have made a fine statement and the problem is whether they are really going to live up to it. Nothing in that statement would seem to jibe with the actual emphasis they are still putting on man-in-space.

I hope you don't believe all you read in the newspapers, for example the reports on the Nice Symposium. Enclosed is a copy of the actual paper that I gave there; it warrants some careful revision as is obvious.

Yours cordially,

Joshua Lederberg

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